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APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT SECOND UPDATED REFUND TARIFF FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATE DECREASE IN COMPLIANCE WITH DOCKET	<i>\$\text{a}\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau</i>
COMPLIANCE WITH DOCKET	§
NO. 46831	§

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMIS

**OF TEXAS** 

#### **ORDER NO. 2**

FINDING APPLICATION ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE AND NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE, DIRECTING EPE TO PROVIDE INTERVENTION DEADLINE, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, APPROVING TARIFF ON AN INTERIM BASIS, AND GRANTING INTERVENTION

This Order addresses various pending matters in this proceeding.

# I. Application and Notice

The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds El Paso Electric Company's application administratively complete and its notice in compliance with the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.55. However, the ALJ directs EPE to further provide, to all parties of record in Docket No. 46831, notice of the intervention deadline established in the procedural schedule below.

### II. Procedural Schedule

The ALJ establishes the following procedural schedule as proposed by Commission Staff:

Event	Deadline
EPE files proof of notice	April 13, 2020
Deadline for intervention and for intervenors to request a hearing	May 4, 2020
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing or file a final recommendation	May 11, 2020
Deadline for parties to file an agreed proposed order, if no hearing is requested	May 18, 2020

### III. Interim Approval

Within its application, EPE requested approval of the federal tax refund factor update on an interim or final basis, beginning April 1, 2020. EPE states that it is not proposing any changes in rates to customers only a change in language that clarifies the refund factors do not apply to riders. Commission Staff supports this request. The ALJ approves EPE's Schedule No. FTRF Update, Federal Tax Refund Factor Update, Section 1, Revision 1, Sheet No. 40.2, Page 1 of 1, on an interim basis effective April 1, 2020.

## IV. City of El Paso's Motion to Intervene

On March 10, 2020, the City of El Paso filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. The City of El Paso states that it is a duly incorporated home rule city served by El Paso Electric Company and is a regulatory authority having original jurisdiction over electric service and rates provided by EPE. The City of El Paso, on behalf of its citizens and as a municipality regarding a utility serving within its corporate limits, is an affected person. No objection to the motion to intervene was filed. Accordingly, the ALJ grants the motion.

For service of pleadings the service list in this proceeding is available from the Public Utility Commission of Texas by calling (512) 936-7169 and requesting a copy of the service list in Docket No. 50575. In accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.74 any document or pleading regarding this proceeding must be filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties in the form required by 16 TAC § 22.71.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 18th day of March 2020.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS** 

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